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DONALD SMITH

Donald Smith, formerly of Andover, died unexpectedly on Jan. 3, 1980, at the Morton F. Plant Hospital, Clearwater, Fla.

Mr. Smith was born Oct. 18, 1912, in Andover, the son of Charles and Harriett Murchison Smith. He had resided in Andover for many years and for the past several years he had lived in Clearwater, Fla. He graduated from Andover High School and was foreman of the Tilo Roofing and Siding Co., Schenectady, N. Y., for many years until retirement in 1977. Mr. Smith was married in 1935 to Lydia Cummings of Clearwater, Fla., who survives.

Also surviving is a brother, David Smith, Sr., South Andover.

MRS. LOIS E. VERRILL

Mrs. Lois E. Verrill of 51 West St., Freeport, widow of Robert B. Verrill, died in a Yarmouth nursing home, late Wednesday evening, Jan. 2, 1980, following a lengthy illness.

She was born at Stoneham, May 16, 1903, the daughter of Fred and Elizabeth Farrar Littlefield. She was educated in Stoneham schools. She moved to Freeport 47 years ago from Albany. She had been a shoe worker, retiring 22 years ago. Mrs. Verrill was a member of Harraseeket Grange and the Oak Leaf Senior Citizen Group of Freeport.

Surviving are a son, Earlon A. Paine of Bethel; two daughters, Mrs. Laurie (Theo) Morrill and Mrs. Russell (Gail) Deemer, both of Freeport; a brother, Rev. Mildard E. Littlefield of Cleveland, Tenn.; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Freeport, Jan. 5, with interment there in Burr Cemetery.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN WORSHIP HOURS

In order to conserve energy during the winter months, the Bethel Church of the Nazarene will be holding Sunday afternoon services rather than in the evening. Next Sunday the service will be at 12:30 with an opportunity for those wishing to have a bag lunch between the morning and afternoon services. This will be a temporary arrangement to conserve heat and assist the supply pastor with winter travel and will be decided on a week to week basis.

DIED

In Yarmouth, Jan. 2, Mrs. Lois E. Verrill, of Freeport, formerly of Albany, aged 76 years.

In Clearwater, Fla., Jan. 3, Donald Smith, formerly of Andover, aged 67 years.

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Sheriff Howe to Seek Nomination in Democratic June Primary

Sheriff Alton L. Howe, North Waterford, announced today he would be a candidate for the Democratic Party's nomination for Sheriff of Oxford County in the June primary election.

Howe will be seeking re-election to his fifth two year term, having served as Sheriff since Jan. 1, 1973.

He has 20 years experience as a law enforcement officer; serving as a game warden, deputy sheriff, police officer and sheriff.

A firm believer in continuing education, Sheriff Howe has attended numerous police schools and training seminars. These have included courses in criminal justice subjects offered by the University of Maine at Augusta and has taken specialized courses in jail management at the University of Colorado, sponsored by the National Correctional Institute.

Sheriff Howe served a two year term on the Board of Directors of the Maine Criminal Justice Planning Assistance Agency; he was appointed by former Governor Kenneth H. Curtis. While a member of the board, he served on the grants, police and communications committees. It was during this period, the communications committee realized its primary goal, the establishment of a state-wide communications system for all law enforcement agencies.

He is a member of the National Sheriff's Association, Maine Sheriffs' Association, Maine Chiefs of Police Association, Grange, American Legion and Elks.

PLANNING BOARD DISCUSSES SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

After holding a Public Hearing at the Bethel Town Office on the proposed subdivision regulations of the Town of Bethel, the Planning Board Wednesday evening adopted the regulations, as provided by state subdivision law. Copies of the adopted draft are available at the Town Office. The Planning Board has directed, however, that the regulations be printed, together with a set of forms for use in the subdivision review process, as soon as may be practical. In their meeting last night the Board also reviewed a memorandum on Housing for the Elderly in Bethel, prepared for them and for the Board of Selectmen and discussed a possible project for elderly housing on the Merrill land, adjacent to Sudbury Village. During the next few weeks, a subcommittee of the

\$100.00 REWARD OFFERED BY FOREST SERVICE

The U. S. Forest Service, Evans Notch Ranger District located in Bethel is asking citizen cooperation in cutting the costs of repairing the damage done to campgrounds and picnic areas by vandals each year.

The local District of the White Mountain National Forest spends several hundreds of dollars annually repairing the results of irresponsible acts of vandalism. As recently as the Christmas holidays vandals caused an estimated \$200 damage to toilet facilities at the Gilead Picnic Area and Basin Pond Boating Site. Several signs valued at approximately \$300 were stolen from along the Evans Notch Highway (SR 113). These facilities and signs have been provided for the enjoyment of all who come to visit the National Forest. It is right that the quality of these visitors' recreation experience should be jeopardized by such irresponsible and destructive acts of vandalism. Please join with the U. S. Forest Service and the Oxford County Sheriff's Department in their efforts to reduce the costs of vandalism.

The Forest Service is offering a \$100 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person charged with destroying or stealing U. S. Forest Service property. Anyone observing vandalism or theft of U. S. Forest Service property or who has previous knowledge of events described herein, is asked to call the U. S. Forest Service at 207-824-2134 or the Oxford County Sheriff's Department at 207-743-8934.

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Alton L. Howe

Howe, a life-long resident of Oxford County, graduated from Norway High School, served in the U. S. Army during World War II and is married to the former Donna L. Rice of Bethel; he has three children, April and Chipper, and a son, Rodney, by a former marriage.

Sheriff Howe stated his goals during his tenure of office, have been to improve the delivery of police services; continuing education of all department personnel; enforcement and corrections; cooperation between all agencies and the involvement and support of the ordinary citizen in the crime prevention effort.

I.O.O.F. PLANS SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAISING

Mount Abram Lodge #31, I. O. O. F., at their meeting on Thursday, Jan. 10, voted to sponsor a public supper especially for the purpose of raising funds for a scholarship. Proceeds from the Saturday night supper, Feb. 23, will be used for a scholarship for a June graduate at Telstar Regional High School.

Board will be soliciting more information about the need and desire for elderly housing in the town. The Board also approved a draft of the report on its activities for 1979 to be included in the Town Report, and discussed methods by which possible protective ordinances for the town might be studied. The Planning Board will meet again on Wednesday, Jan. 30, at 7:00 p. m. in the Town Office.

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PRINCIPALS IN LOCKE MILLS MURDER CASE SENTENCED

Two Oxford County men received long-term sentences in Maine State Prison on Friday in the beating death of an elderly Locke Mills man last summer.

Justice Daniel E. Wathen sentenced Richard D. Kimball, 26, of Norway, and Randolph Lord, 26, of Bryant Pond, to 45 years each in Maine State Prison.

Mr. Carkins' body was discovered in a shack behind his home off the Gore Road on June 22, 1979. Sentence was pronounced at Superior Court in Kennebec County.

Kimball and Lord were found guilty at Oxford County Superior Court on Dec. 22.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS AT BETHEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Richard and Ruth Verville of Bethel are the newest life members of the Bethel Historical Society. Mr. and Mrs. Verville have long been active in the work of the Society. Mr. Verville on the Building Committee and Mrs. Verville on the Museum Committee. They have also been generous donors of furnishings for the Moses Mason Museum.

Several new sustaining members have been added in 1980 including Marie C. Brown, Bethel; Carolyn Campbell and Marlene Marshall, West Bethel; and Ruth E. Dobson, Concord, N. H.

The Genealogical Committee of the Society will meet Jan. 29 in the Eva Bear Research Room of the Moses Mason House at 7:30 p. m.

COLLEGE SKIERS FROM PENNSYLVANIA SPEND WEEK AT SUNDAY RIVER INN

Professor Lloyd Wilkinson and 50 students and instructors from West Chester State College in West Chester, Pa., spent last week at Sunday River Inn where they held a course in cross country skiing.

The students, most of whom are physical education majors, received one college credit for the course. The course was designed by Professor Wilkinson to teach skiing techniques to future physical education teachers as part of a continuing effort on his part to give his students a solid background in lifetime sports and recreational activities involving the natural world.

The current snow drought called for a good deal of creativity to fit the course curriculum. During the week the group took lessons and ski toured the logging roads in Grafton Notch, learned downhill technique on cross country skis while skiing on the Mixing Bowl at Sunday River Skiway through a special arrangement with the Skiway management, toured the shoreline of North Pond in Woodstock and had a hot dog roast on the ice, and experienced the joys of winter hiking by climbing Sunday River Whitecap from the Bear River Valley.

While the course was much different from last year when students skied day and night on the groomed trails at Sunday River Ski Touring Center, students and instructors alike agreed that they learned a great deal about skiing and about winter recreation in general.

REPORT FROM THE BETHEL WATER DISTRICT

Water and ground (Phillbrook St.) temperature, recorded at the Bethel Water District's Phillbrook St. office, 1:30 p. m. on Wednesday, Jan. 16:

Water temperature	37° F.
Ground temperature	32° F.
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5'	37° F.
6'	38° F.

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S. A. D. #44 BOARD TO MEET MONDAY EVENING AT TELSTAR

The board of directors of M. S. A. D. #44 are scheduled to hold a regular meeting next Monday evening, Jan. 21, at 7:30 in the library at Telstar Regional High School.

The board will be requested to authorize the transfer of a 1968 Chevrolet 66-passenger bus to the Northern Oxford Vocational Area (NOVA) for a minimal fee.

The greater portion of the meeting will concern the fiscal year 1981 budget. There will be an explanation of the current Maine finance law and funding levels as recommended by the Commissioner of Education, S. A. D. #44's FY81 allocation, subsidy index, and local leeway, will be explained to the directors. A FY81 budget for the district is to be presented together with an explanation of recommended changes needed for its implementation. Action on the budget is not scheduled for the Monday session.

BETHEL SELECTMAN NOT SEEKING RE-ELECTION

Leland "Mike" Brown who has served on the Bethel Board of Selectmen since March of 1971 does not plan to run for re-election this year.

Brown expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation to the voters of Bethel who have supported him over the years also to the Board members with whom he has served.

NO SNOW YET IN BETHEL VILLAGE AREA

As yet there has been no appreciable snowfall this winter in the Bethel village area. Weather during the past week has been unseasonable, with an end-of-week rain removing the vestiges of a couple inches of snow received early last week.

Rain during the day Monday continued into the night, with lowering temperatures making driving hazardous. Schools in S. A. D. #44 were closed Tuesday because of slippery early morning traveling.

So far the most snow of the 1979-80 year in the village area has been the Oct. 9 accumulation of about four inches.

WOODSTOCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY REVIEWS HISTORY

At last Friday's meeting of the Woodstock Historical Society the history of Bryant Pond itself was examined. President Larry Billings gave some brief background on Christopher "Diggee" Bryant, who was famed locally for his medicinal cures, his so-called magical powers, and for the places that bear his name in the area. Elden Hathaway presented some cogent information on the Whitman family, among the earliest settlers of the area, the origins of the various neighborhoods in Bryant Pond, and the reasons for the present location of the town. Finally Merle Ring reminisced about it in his youth, complete with stores, millinery shops, newspaper, local doctor's office, opera house and music grove. While the meeting ran overtime, no one complained because of the wealth of information acquired about the local area. The meeting concluded with a time of socializing and refreshments.

RECREATION COMMITTEE PLANNING SKATING PARTIES

As part of the area's winter sports program, the Bethel Recreation Committee will be sponsoring skating parties for Bethel young people. On Friday, Jan. 25, from 7:30 to 9:30 students of the Bethel Middle School will have a bonfire and party at the rink at Crescent Park School. An evening of skating is also being planned for older students, the date to be announced.

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From the Bethel Town Office

The Board of Selectmen met Monday evening, Jan. 14, at the Bethel Savings Bank and acted on a variety of items. The Board set \$500 as the fee charged the county for residents of Mason and the Songo Pond area to use Bethel's Landfill.

A public hearing was held to provide an opportunity for citizens to make oral and/or written comments on proposed uses for General Revenue Sharing Funds for 1980. No oral or written comments were received.

The treasurer informed the Board that Tax Liens had expired on five properties. Further action will be taken at a future meeting as the municipal officers have to approve any transactions involving property that becomes tax acquired.

Two bids were received for 1980 Tax Anticipation notes totaling \$300,000. The Board accepted the low bid of Casco Bank and Trust Co. at a rate of 7.65%. The other bid received was from the Bethel Savings Bank for \$150,000 of the notes at a rate of 7.75%.

After reviewing information regarding housing needs in the community, the Board voted that a letter of endorsement be sent to the Farmers Home Administration regarding a proposed elderly housing project with a maximum of eight units proposed by Caroline Merrill on Evergreen Road.

The Board voted to increase employee reimbursements for mileage.

Telstar Students Learn of Opportunity in Outward Bound Program

Jeff Parsons, director of the Winter Outward Bound Program based at the Sunday River Inn in Newry, presented a program to 36 Telstar students on Friday afternoon, Jan. 22, at the high school. The program included 40 slides of the Winter program, featuring spectacular views of the Mahoosuc Range.

In the 10 day Winter Outward Bound Program, participants learn the skills needed to survive in the wilderness in adverse winter conditions, and thereby learn more

about themselves. Some scholarship money is available to Telstar students to participate in the Winter Outward Bound Program. Following Parsons' presentation, 23 students indicated a further interest in the Outward Bound Program. These students will receive applications and scholarship forms at their home in the coming week. These forms should be completed promptly so that as many Telstar students as possible can participate in the Winter Program.

The remainder of the meeting was spent reviewing the manager's proposed 1980 municipal budget. On Tuesday evening, Jan. 15, the Board completed review of the proposed 1980 budget and approved it for submission to the Budget Committee for their review and recommendation.

The Selectmen will meet next Monday evening, Jan. 21. An individual interested in developing the old Thunderbird Motel into elderly housing will meet with the Board to discuss his proposed plans.

On Tuesday evening, Jan. 22, a public hearing will be held regarding the Sewer System Facilities planning report prepared by Dubois and King, Inc. The Town Consulting Engineer, The report deals with needs to upgrade the Town's sewer collection system and treatment facilities along with the development of a sludge disposal site. All interested citizens are invited to attend the hearing which will be held in the meeting room of the Bethel Savings Bank at 7:00 p. m.

On Wednesday evening, Jan. 23, the Budget Committee will hold its first meeting to begin review of the proposed 1980 municipal budget.

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'79 TELSTAR GRADUATE ON WAY TO SUCCESSFUL MUSICAL CAREER

A 1979 graduate of Telstar Regional High School is well on the path to a successful musical career. Alan Dunham, a student at Adirondack Community College in New York State majoring in radio broadcasting, released a record early in 1979, and recently has had his second record pressed.

While Alan is not studying, he entertains in various clubs in the Adirondack area. His audiences are of all ages . . . from senior citizens to college students. When asked if he had a preference for any particular age group, the young artist confessed that he really did not, but recalled fondly one show when he performed for about 100 senior citizens. "It was one of the best times I've had," he says with a smile.

The audiences pick up the Maine accent and Alan is quick to admit that his home State is Maine and it is evident in some of his original compositions in which he sings of the country side of that area.

One of the fringe benefits is meeting interesting people in the audiences. Recently, an opera star who just "happened to drop by" chatted with him on a "break" about her experiences. Another fringe benefit, he believes, are the owners of restaurants and lounges who have requested his latest record to install in their juke boxes.

His mother, Sandra Morgan, backs him in his club act with the synthesizer and sings harmony. "If

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— Miss Amy Hanscom, Corres. —

The Selectmen met Tuesday and worked on the Annual Town Report. Selectmen Roger T. Hanscom and Stephen W. Wight met Friday and completed the report, approved the treasurer's, clerk's and collector's reports over to the printers. The town finished the year with no overdrafts. A total of \$31,830.81 in unexpended balances will be carried forward to respective accounts for 1980, and these amounts were taken into consideration when figuring the 1980 budget. The budget for accounts other than schools was \$36,572.74, compared to \$31,614.44 for 1979. This would mean .6 of a mill increase in the tax rate based on the 1979 valuation. Total receipts for the year were \$196,152.01 with \$189,421.21 paid in Selectmen's warrants, leaving a cash balance of \$6,730.80. An additional \$46,655.16 is invested in savings accounts, such as Federal Revenue Sharing, Tree Growth Fund, Highway Equipment Fund and Day In-Day Out Savings account. From a total tax commitment of \$93,538.01 some \$8,296.02 was uncollected at the year end. Of this amount \$4,039.76 was resident and \$4,256.26 non resident. An additional \$2,741.51 in tax liens remained unpaid.

During the summer of 1979, the Bethel Water District informed the town that they had decided not to pay any more taxes in Newry, as they felt that their land was tax exempt. This accounts for \$791.70 of the unpaid taxes. However the Newry Selectmen were informed by attorneys and by the State Bureau of Taxation that while reservoirs, pumping stations, pipe lines, etc., owned by a Water District in another town, were exempt from taxation, land was not. The District and The Bethel Town Office were informed of this, but the tax remained unpaid. It will be treated as other unpaid taxes. Some time not less than eight months or more than a year from the date of commitment, which was June 11, if the tax has not been paid a lien will be placed on the property. It will then become Town property if the lien is not paid within eighteen months and the property may be sold by sealed bids. The property is presently under Tree Growth, but there is some question as to whether or not it qualifies as such, since the law specifies that the land must be used primarily for timber production, and this property is not, since its main use is to protect the watershed.

Cindy Lane has moved into Emery Vail's trailer for the winter. Peter Baker, Heather and Jessica, Hanover, were guests of his mother, Mrs. Mary Tripp, Sunday. Mary Tripp assisted Paula Wight, who is writing the History of the Town of Newry, with the history of some of the older homesteads Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Powers have received word that their daughter, Mrs. Susan Lee, Watertown, N. Y., is in San Francisco, Cal., this week in connection with her job on public television.

Bear River Grange met with Alder River, Pleasant Valley, Rumford, West Paris and Franklin Granges for a six point meeting

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ETHEL BISBEE SCHOOL NEWS

Students Present Play

Several EBS students presented a play on "Playground Rules" to their classmates, teachers and parents at the school assembly on Thursday, Jan. 10. In the play the students demonstrated both the activities that they are allowed to do and those that they are not allowed to do on the playground. Miss Jolene Andre directed the play. It was Miss Andre's objective that by working together to create and put on a successful play, the students would find that working and playing together can be fun and a lot can be accomplished.

The students that participated in the play were Kenny Bushaw, Charlie Smith, Jamie Hutchinson, Darren Pelzel, Amy Blake, Mason McGurn, Jake Tyler, Mark LaMontagne, Michael Bennett, Nathan Brown, Aaron Bean, Allen Leonard, Becky Hanscom, Scotty Pike, Zachary Patrick, David Huston, Eric Anderson and Damian Morrill.

Dandy Lions

"Dandy Lion" awards were presented to Timothy Chapman, Jennifer Gould, Heidi Moore, Daphni Bills and Kristen Powell. These children from Mrs. Gaudreau's first grade, were honored for finishing "Alphabet", "Duck is a Duck", "Helicopters and Gingerbread" and for being able to decode 100 short vowel words in five minutes and for starting independent "at-home" reading programs.

Labels

As of Friday, Jan. 11, 1980, we have 12,955 Campbell labels. We have five weeks left to find 9,195 labels. Send them with any EBS student or get them to the collection boxes at Telstar, Crescent Park School, Bethel Post Office, IGA, Bethel Savings Bank, Prim's, Casco Bank or Locke Mills Yankee Grocer. The goal of 22,150 labels is the highest yet, and the public's help is appreciated.

Congratulations to Mrs. Mary Jane Gaudreau for winning a Handle 2 Kodak instant camera. She won this for having her suggestion for using photography in the classroom, published in "Teaching Tips from Teachers/Kodak". "Picture a happy first grader who has just finished reading twenty extra books at home. The picture of him—with the books lined up in front of him—is his to take home because Mom or Dad signed a slip for each book saying, for example 'Donald read The Birthday Party to me... Mom Smith'..."

Saturday evening with 49 present. It was preceded by a pot luck supper. Bear River and Rumford served as hosts with West Paris putting on the program. Officers from Franklin, Alder River and other Granges filled the chairs. The next meeting of Bear River Grange will be the afternoon of Feb. 9, downstairs in the hall, preceded by a pot luck dinner.

Mrs. Susan Bowie, Jennifer and Christopher, Augusta, were week end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Owen Wight.

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— Mrs. Collette Morgan, Corres. —

One morning we found the snow had fallen whitely over the lawns and hills. Just enough to perform magic with the hedges and paths.

Sometimes when I plan to walk I struggle with the choice of wandering down the road or probing the woodlands. Quite often I compromise and go a course that will include a bit of both.

Because of little snow, I chose this time to start off to the forest. The woods give mental stimulation and a feeling of freedom. In Maine the forests are all around us and available at little expense and bother for anyone who will take a look. These trees are part of the glory of America and part of the sweep and dignity of life. I am unable to describe the life of a forest, the moss-grown and decaying trees are not old, but seem to enjoy perpetual youth. It is like a serene infant too happy to make a noise, except a few tinkling, hissing sounds.

Well up the trail there came as though they knew where they were going, two squirrels. From time to

time one paused, to hold up a cold foot in distaste. He obviously didn't care for the snowy cover.

A somber fir or spruce woods is not complete unless you hear from its mossy and twiggy recesses his alarm. His voice is like "spruce-beer" working through a crack in a tree. Today he was so impertinent, as he tried to warn all the woods of my presence. If I talked to him he vaulted to another branch along his turnpike, then sprang his rattle again. I left them to rattle to each other. Sound is more of life than we know.

Along the side-hill ledges the icicles were shining daggers. At the base of one appeared the nut-hatch letting forth his rapid nasal "up, up, up, up, up" I hoped that he would.

From the direction of the pond there came the brazen trumpeting of blue jays. They sounded like a crowd on New Year's Eve, all tooting away at once from the trees. They dipped and planed through the tree tops, landed on branches, flew on with hornblowing, whistling, piping. What a party!

After I had gone beyond the

spring and to the fields, I could then see all the mountains. They seem capable of many moods. Today? Alive, patient, benevolent and reaching out to be touched! They had put on their bonnets and stood against the sky so blue.

I took my own path again into the woods. I walked carefully among the tree boles. I stopped and threw my head back to see the sunlight fast sweeping toward the western horizon. My feet on a carpet made little noise.

Then I looked out on the clear afternoon and home, I watched a cloud as it began drifting across the sun. In a short time all the luminosity had faded.

Ann Holt, Bethel, was with her folks on Sunday.

Ernest and Ina Mundt had dinner with us on Saturday and we had a nice afternoon visiting.

On Sunday we visited Carroll Nottage in South Paris.

Glenn Hayes and son, Kevin, Gray; Ardell Hayes, Auburn, visited Rolly and Doris Hayes on Saturday.

Weather, WEATHER! seems to be about the only news this week.

North Paris

— Eveline Barrett, Corres. —

Our friends who went to warmer climates should have stayed in Maine. The ground is bare and the weather is different every day. I don't care to listen to the wind blowing so hard, but have been unable to do anything about it.

Root and Doris Lawrence went to Sharon Scherf's Tuesday evening to help Jennifer celebrate her seventh birthday.

Susan Lyons is still nursing an ear ache and neuralgia in her face due to a cold.

Eveline Barrett was at Dr. Charles Hall's on Monday.

Callers at Lawrence's: Mr. and Mrs. Pete Lawrence, East Stoneham; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Card, Norway; Eveline Barrett, Albert Penley Sr., Lennie Pearson.

We were sorry to hear that Leslie Doughty is house bound with a fractured hip.

It's good to have the daylight last longer.

This Monday morning, rain and freezing rain is predicted for today, tonight and Tuesday. I'll stay inside and watch the sanding trucks go by.

Andover

— Mrs. Marjorie Jodrey, Corres. —

Mrs. Ray Learned returned Saturday after being at St. Mary's Hospital in

At Andover First Church, "Dealing with In Your Life" was the topic of Rev. David Sunday, Jan. 13. Youth ship met at 5:30 p.m.

Recruitment Class met on Wednesday, Jan. 15.

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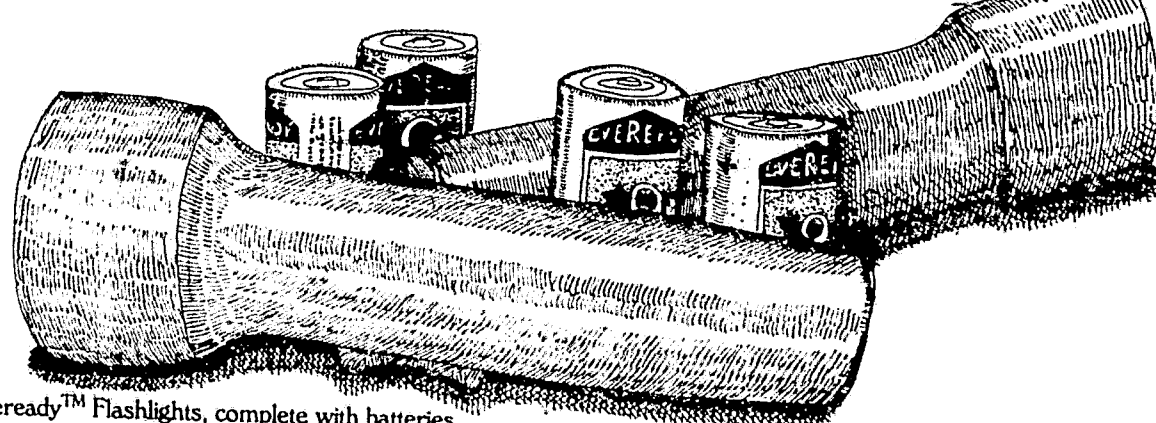
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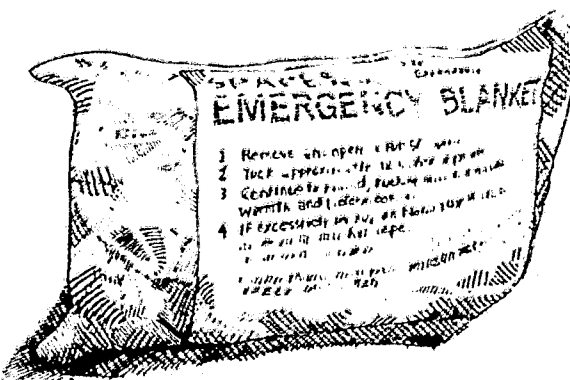
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SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Teletar Middle School boys basketball team started their first season, Thursday, Jan. 17. The team, coached by Coach Buckfield Jr. High 39 points, followed by Brian 10, Josh Putnam 9, Cousins 4, Brandon Salway 10, and 2 assists.

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North East Lovell

Pauline Smith, Corres.
Callers at Hazel Allen's were Ruth Fox, Flora, Craig Allen. Mrs. Farr called on Helen Grimwood.
Troy and Raymond Fox visited their father this week end, Larry Fox.
Rose Mary Smith and Iva Fox were in Portland this week.
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Charles of North Fryeburg visited at the Leroy Smith's Saturday; also Margaret Weeks.
Little Jessie Badger is visiting his great, great grandparents, Rodney and Geneva Charles at Cushman Pond this week end.
Esther Harriman had dinner at Iva Fox, then came and took her mother, Marion Kendall, to Fryeburg, for a few days.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

S. A. D. #44—WEEK OF JAN. 21
Monday: Spaghetti and meat sauce, green beans, pears, hot roll and butter, milk.
Tuesday: Ham slice, French fries, peas, apple crisp, cheese biscuit and butter, milk.
Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza, corn, roasted peanuts, fruit, milk.
Thursday: Baked beans, hot dog in home made bun, cabbage salad, mixed desserts, milk.
Friday: No school. Teachers workshop.

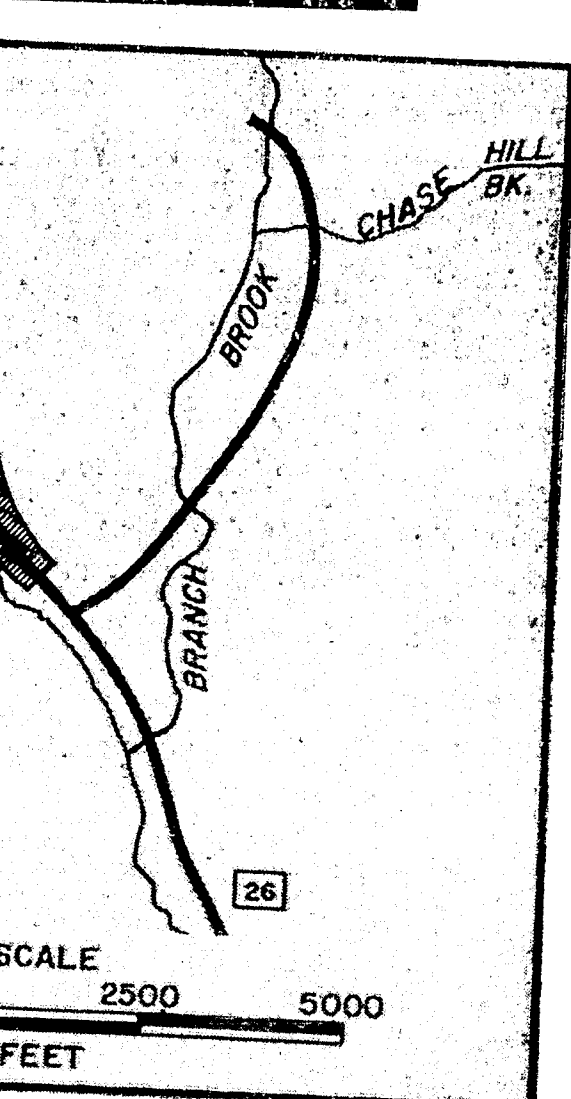
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Bureau of Highways
Bethel, Maine
Commissioner

East Stoneham

Gladys Kilgore, Corres.
Mrs. Martine Barker and daughter, Andrea, and Mrs. Inez Barker visited her son, Hubert, and family in New Hampshire Tuesday.
Mrs. Eleanor Nelson spent the week end in Boston with her daughter Sharon and husband and their new granddaughter named Sarah Doris.
The pot luck supper and family night was well attended Saturday night. Everyone had a good time.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pummer of Albany called on Archie Plummer in Norway last week.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Merrill and Delwin Merrill attended a house party at the home of Mr. Weeks in Lovell Saturday night for Dana Gregson who is leaving for Virginia soon.
Michael Bryant and friend of Redstone, N. H., visited his aunt, Mrs. Grace Nelson, Friday evening.
Mrs. Gertrude Yemmis is confined to her home with a bad back trouble caused by falling on the ice.
Mrs. Della Ricker is feeling better after being confined with a cold for the past week.
Mrs. Betty Stearns visited her son, Donnie and family, in Portland Sunday.
The Bible Study met at the home of the minister, Jeffrey Hooker, Wednesday night.
Mrs. Agnes Files went to Dr. Moore in Oxford Wednesday, for a check up.
Mrs. Hazel Allen of North Waterford visited me Sunday afternoon, also Dell Merrill.
Mr. and Mrs. Stanwood Nelson visited relatives in Conway, N. H., Sunday.

South Woodstock
Olivia Davis, Corres.
Lisa Thurlow was a supper guest of her teacher, Mrs. Mary Billings on Tuesday evening, along with four other classmates. They were doing library research on different types of histories after school before going to Mrs. Billings' home to work upon their gleanings.
Mr. and Mrs. Roni Grover were in Wiscasset to visit his folks over the week end.
Mr. and Mrs. Emory Ryerson Jr., and Troy, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Ryerson and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Ryerson and son, went to Auburn, N. Y., Friday before New Years in a van, to spend the holiday with Sgt. and Mrs. Craig Ryerson and family, returning New Years day. We are glad they had good weather for traveling.
Mr. and Mrs. Emory Ryerson and Troy and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Ryerson and son helped celebrate David Belski's birthday at his home in West Paris on Monday night. Mrs. Ryerson made a cake which was served with ice cream in the evening to top the celebration.
Callers on me this week were Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bryant and daughter, June Cushman and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brooks. Mrs. Goldie Mason called with fruit that I ordered from the Adventist Church. Frank Campbell helped us get it into the house as neither of us were able to lift, which we appreciated.
Carl Brooks took me to Dr. Weeks Tuesday morning. I'm being laid low with sciatica for the past week. These friends are real ones and their kindness can't be told too often.
The nomination committee of the Willing Workers are selecting officers for the following year.
The Adventist School with Goldie Mason in charge had a shipment of oranges and grapefruit, directly from Florida, arrive this week. They are delicious.
I saw one male cardinal at the feed tray the past week. A white breasted nuthatch is feeding here too along with two hairy woodpeckers.
We had a couple of inches of snow Monday night.

Upton

Mrs. Arline Bernier, Corres.
Louise Chapman, outreach technician from Oxford County Community Services, was at the Library from 11 a. m. to 1 p. m. and several from town stopped by for fuel assistance or to discuss other matters. Some were late because they went by the newspaper item which stated 11 to 2 and had not checked the paper tacked on the building.
The sale of Brown Co. to James River Corporation has been retracted according to Berlin radio. This sale had previously been announced as a fait accompli.
Kathy Bernier celebrated her 20th birthday Saturday. This leaves her parents without a teen-ager for the first time since 1955.
The library has received a 211 page "Draft Environmental Impact Statement" on the proposed Cooperative spruce budworm suppression project.
The weather remains unwintery. When there's a storm coming, a warning trend arrives first and we get rain. Last week-end's storm brought immediate cooling causing some flooding and icing on roads.

STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Karen L. Brown
Jan. 14, 1980
The state's senior United States Senator, Edmund Muskie, visited Augusta while Congress was in recess last week. In his speech before the Maine House and Senate, Sen. Muskie painted a picture of uncertainties in the areas of domestic and foreign policies. He stressed energy conservation as the short-term solution to reducing dependence on OPEC oil, and strongly reiterated his support for the Dickey-Lincoln hydro-electric project.
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Augusta Report

The Second Regular Session of the One Hundred and Ninth Maine Legislature got underway on Jan. 2 with Gov. Brennan presenting his program to a joint session of the House and Senate. The second regular session is limited by constitutional amendment to emergency measures and statute to 50 days.
The Governor's program was a cautious one, reflecting the serious concerns within the Executive Department and the Legislature itself that the chief issues of this session will revolve around money. In his address to the opening session, Brennan noted that there is only \$18 million available to divide some \$45 million worth of demands on the state's resources.
Of the 26 bills which Brennan included in his program, 15 dealt with energy. The Governor made a series of proposals ranging from the encouragement of conservation and home winterization through low interest loans to an energy grants program designed to promote energy research and demonstration projects and to permit the use of municipal revenue bonds and Maine Guarantee Authority loan guarantees for energy development projects.
Likely to prove more controversial are a series of major environmental bills. The Department of Environmental Protection wants broad new powers to control hazardous substances and a new system of fees on importers of such substances to assure emergency cleanups in case of spills. The department is also proposing a sharp increase in the fee charged companies that import oil into the state to assure that sufficient funds are available to clean up spills. This increase is being sought in the oil conveyance fund to reflect inflation and a decrease in the amount of imported oil. Since the amount of oil Maine handles each year has declined from 200 million barrels to 121 million, the DEP is proposing that the fee be increased from a half-

STATE SEN. ROLAND SUTTON'S

cent a barrel to one cent. Finally the Legislature is being asked to form a new citizens board to regulate the spraying of pesticides and herbicides.
What may very well be the most volatile issue of the session was not definitively addressed in the Governor's message. Both the Department of Transportation and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife are in financial trouble. The problem in the Department of Transportation could run as high as 16 million dollars because of declining revenues from state taxes on gasoline. The shortfall is estimated to be approximately \$7.7 million this year and \$6 million in the next fiscal year beginning July 1. Although a special committee report has advocated that the gas tax be increased and more closely tied through a sales tax to the price of gasoline, there seems little enthusiasm on the part of either the Governor or the Legislature to grapple with the issue of a tax increase in this session. Should this mood persist, the Legislature will undoubtedly be faced with questions of undedicated highway revenues and/or a request from the Department for appropriations from the General Fund.
The Governor also wants to create a new department for prisons. Brennan is seeking an additional \$1.5 million to pay for new staff positions at both the State Prison and the Maine Correctional Center at South Windham. After touring the prisons last year, Brennan declared "there is no crisis" and his apparent change of heart was not greeted with great enthusiasm by a Legislature already confronted with financial difficulties.

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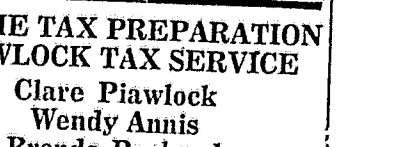
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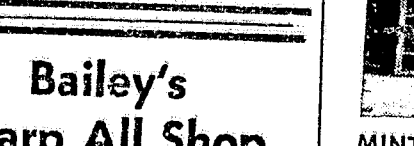
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Albany HUNT'S CORNER AND VICINITY

Kathy Bennett, Corres.
What strange weather we are having! One always hopes when they go to bed at night that in the morning winter will have returned with its fresh whiteness, eradicating the dull, depressing grays and browns of the surrounding landscape. I'm sure it would give all of us an emotional boost.
Dale Scribner and Dave and Mary Ellen Scribner were week end callers at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scribner.
Dean Pease called on Hugh and Edith Stearns last week.
Mrs. Margaret Barton took her mother, by ambulance, to the B. A. Nursing Home in Boston last Wednesday. While there she visited relatives in Dorchester.
Callers at the Barton Farm last week end were Arthur and Sarah Seavey and Randy of Conway, N. H., Charlie and Edith Barton, and Diane and Dave Scammon of Bridgton.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gould and daughter, Janice, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pope were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Inman.
Renia Inman visited Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Gilbert in Lewiston on Saturday evening and attended a party with them.
It has been a busy week at K-D's Acres. I've done lots of cleaning and sewing. Callers last week end were Mr. and Mrs. Gus McAllister, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Cairns, Jeff

Bryant Pond

Mrs. Alice F. Hoyt, Corres.
Mrs. Rebecca Lawrence and Donna returned home, to Fayetteville, N. C., Monday after spending some time visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Cobb.
The following is the address of George Gerrish, 95 East Grand Ave., Scarborough, Maine 04074.
Sunday evening at the Baptist Church will be Deacon's night. Each Tuesday at 9:30 a. m. is Women's Bible Study at the home of Floyd Keniston. Tuesday at 6 p. m. is Youth Group at the Gym with Sonja Davis.
Each Wednesday at 3 p. m. is Good News Club at the Annex of the Church with Beth Hoyt as leader. All school age children are invited. 3 to 4 o'clock.
Mr. and Mrs. George Parks, Oxford, visited Mrs. Beatrice Farnum on Sunday.
Jefferson Chapter #89 will hold a stated meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 23, at 8 p. m. Refreshments will be provided by the men.
and Jimmy Barton, Chris and Elton Cole were Sunday supper guests.
Sunday, Howard and Barbara Inman went ice fishing.
Ladies, don't forget the Craft Workshop meeting at my house Monday evening, Jan. 21, at 7 p. m. This will be an organizational meeting. All Albany or Bethel women who are interested in the Albany Church, are invited to attend.

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BRIAN R. NEWELL

Brian R. Newell, a former resident of West Paris, died in an automobile accident early Saturday morning, Jan. 12, 1980, in North Kingston, R. I.

He was born at Everett, Wash., May 5, 1953, the son of Arthur and Frances Houghton Newell. He graduated from Chariho High School, Charlestown, R. I., in 1971. He lived at North Kingston, R. I., and was a licensed boat captain and was employed as a fisherman by the Harbor Shellfish Company, Exeter, R. I.

Survivors include his parents of Albany; three brothers, Lorin of Charlestown, R. I., Lynn of Westbury, R. I., and Russell of Ogden, Utah; two sisters, Lisa and Dawn, both of Albany; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Nathalie Farrell, South Paris; and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Lula Newell, West Paris.

Funeral services were held Wednesday forenoon at the I. W. Andrews and Son funeral home, South Woodstock. Entombment was at Wayside Cemetery, West Paris.

MRS. MARY E. GARNEAU

Mrs. Mary E. Garneau died Sunday, Jan. 13, 1980, at the Cozy Inn Nursing Home, Rumford, where she had been a patient for the past year. She resided at 59 Lincoln Ave., Rumford.

She was born at Andover on March 18, 1903, the daughter of Samuel and Estelle Poor Marston. She had resided in the area for the past 25 years. She graduated from Andover High School class of 1919 and had been employed by the Oxford Paper Co. for over 25 years, retiring in the early 1950's. She attended the Andover First Congregational Church.

She is survived by two brothers, Howard (Buster) Marston, Andover, and Cedric (Ted) Marston, Turner.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Meader and Son funeral home, Rumford. Entombment was at Woodlawn receiving vault in Andover. Interment will be in the Spring at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Locke Mills

Mrs. John Mills, Corrae.

The Bookmobile will be at the Ekco parking lot this Friday due to the cancellation of schools in the area Tuesday.

There will be an annual church meeting at the Locke Mills Union Church Sunday evening, Jan. 20, at 7:30 p. m. All members and friends are invited to attend.

The dog licenses are due Jan. 1. This year the fees have doubled for an unaltered male. Please bring certificates for female and male dogs that have been altered and rabies certificates for all dogs. The rabies certificate must be dated within two years.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Greenwood Fire Department held a meeting Jan. 6 at the fire station with six members present. It was decided to have another Christmas Crafts fair next year so everyone get busy and plan to turn your hobby into profit and have fun doing it. You have 10 months to really get prepared. Several other items were discussed and the members are asked to clip coupons all month and bring them along to the meeting on Feb. 4. After the business meeting there will be a social time and a coupon swapping session.

The January meeting of the Greenwood Historical Society was held at the Greenwood Fire Station on Wednesday, Jan. 2. There were 20 members and guests present. The Society was presented a 1914 Dance Program for a May Ball in Hotel Hall at Locke Mills by Mary Mills. It was voted to omit the February meeting and hold the March meeting on Wednesday, March 5, at 7:30 p. m. at the Greenwood Fire Station. C. Mellen Kimball showed slides of antique automobiles which was very enjoyable for all present.

The Ladies Circle held annual elections Wednesday afternoon at the Sunday School annex. There were 11 present. Reports were given. The following officers were elected: Marion Swan, president; Margery Swan, vice president; Mary Stone, treasurer; Lora Noyes, secretary. The Sunshine and Communication Officer is Mary Mills; Publicity, Dora Ford; Social, Marion Swan; Mary Stone, Dora Ford and Bertha Flanders; Nominating committee, Lorraine Pfaunder, Georgia Jordan, Gladys Jordan. Rowena Dunham made the birthday cake for the month of January.

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Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Roy of Bethel are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Shelley Ann, to Russell W. Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Palmer of Andover.

She is a 1979 graduate of Telstar Regional High School, and is presently employed by the U. S. Forestry Service.

He is a senior at Telstar Regional High School, a member of the National Guard, and upon graduation will be employed at Wilson's Garage and Auto Body. A May wedding is planned.

SENATOR WILLIAM COHEN
From Washington

Perhaps the most significant feature of the Senate's record in the past year was a debate that failed to take place. That, of course, was the postponement of the SALT II debate.

Given the direction of international events, Senate approval of SALT II was in serious jeopardy even before the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. First, the CIA discovered the presence of a Russian fighting brigade in Cuba, certainly a violation of the spirit of the resolution agreed in 1963 after the Cuban missile crisis. Second, the Soviet Union's tacit acceptance of North Vietnam's war of genocide in Cambodia and their encouragement of Cuban action in Angola called into question the reality of the Russians' "rehabilitated" international behavior.

Third, the capture of American hostages in Teheran threatened America's international stature. And finally, the Soviets displayed an arrogant disregard for the spirit of détente, under which SALT II had been negotiated, with their massive invasion of Afghanistan.

Although President Carter continues to say that debate of SALT II should occur without reference to international events, it would seem apparent that the treaty cannot be evaluated in a vacuum. SALT II's inherent inequities, which would perpetuate our slide into military inferiority, would serve only to encourage Soviet adventurism and out-right aggression. It is necessary to consider SALT II in light of the Soviet Union's determination to test our weaknesses and, perhaps in this decade to challenge our strengths.

I have expressed serious doubts as it is presently written. Therefore, I welcome postponement of debate as an opportunity to examine fully and critically America's defense policies. Whether or not SALT II had been ratified, I believe it was clear that Congress and the Administration had to make a serious commitment to upgrading significantly our defense posture. I said several months ago that I considered the growing supremacy of Soviet military power as the gravest threat to world peace and stability. In the aftermath of the Russian invasion of Afghanistan, it would seem clear that with or without SALT II the Soviet Union is prepared to act militarily regardless of international public opinion, regardless of détente and without concern for possible retaliation by the United States and its western allies.

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The Veterans Administration will pay a record \$19.8 million in dividends during 1980 to 143,500 New England veterans holding GI life insurance policies, according to a VA spokesman in Boston.

VA will make the payments throughout the year on anniversary dates of individual policies kept in force from World War I, World War II and the Korean Conflict.

All VA insurance dividends are made automatically and there is no need for policyholders to apply for them or to contact VA about them, the spokesman said.

He reported that slightly more than one million New England veterans still holding World War II GI insurance policies will receive dividends of nearly \$17.1 million, an average payment of \$149. The 1979 average dividend on these policies was \$128.

Payment to 18,095 Korean Conflict veterans in the six-state area who kept their GI insurance in force will total more than \$1.1 million, an average payment of \$62, up from \$48 in 1979.

The 3,265 World War I policyholders will receive nearly \$1 million, an average of \$298 each. The 1979 figure was \$256.

Certain World War II Korean Conflict veterans with service-connected or serious non-service-connected disabilities will receive dividends for the first time on their insurance policies in 1980. A total of more than \$½ million will go to 5,880 holders of these special policies, an average dividend of \$94.

The VA spokesman said the amount of dividends paid during the year will vary with each veteran according to the type of policy, amount of insurance, age at issue or renewal and the time the policy has been in force.

The higher interest rates have been of greatest benefit to those veterans who have converted their insurance plans to permanent type policies, rather than continuing to hold the original term policies, VA said.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING PROCESS NEED NOT HINDER WOOD-FUEL CONVERSIONS

Obtaining environmental permit for the conversion to wood-fueled energy systems in industry can be a needlessly intimidating maze, according to Charles Wallace, a consulting engineer with Neill and Gunter Inc. of Portland.

"The federal regulations concerning environmental permits are printed on 4,400+ pages, finely printed pages weighing a total of 12 pounds," Wallace said during a Wood Energy Resources Conference recently sponsored by the New England Regional Commission in Concord, N. H.

"And this represents only a small portion of the printed work regarding environmental permits," he added. "But the permitting process need not be a deterrent to those who are considering wood as an alternate energy source."

Wallace, who has worked with Neill and Gunter on wood-fuel conversions for several forest products industries, presented a 22-step procedure which simplifies the process while assuring that the project is well conceived, engineered and in compliance with various state and federal laws.

Wallace had several specific suggestions for those seeking to obtain environmental permits for wood fuel conversions.

"It is usually more effective and less time consuming to negotiate your permits directly with a state agency rather than with a federal agency. Someone in Washington who is more removed from your situation is unlikely to be as sympathetic and responsible in applying environmental laws to your situation," Wallace pointed out.

no state program can be less strict than a federal program but it may be more strict. "For example," he said, "there is no federal act dealing directly with land quality. However, some states do have laws dealing with the issue and land quality permits are becoming more comprehensive in nature."

He suggested coordinating permit efforts through one person and obtaining all the permits at once in order to avoid construction delays. "You can get your air, land, noise, solid waste, hazardous waste and other permits in a 'one-stop shopping' arrangement if you have a coordinator," Wallace said.

The coordinator should investigate all aspects of the project, such as emissions depending on the size of the project, it may or may not qualify for more or less stringent emissions standards.

For example, a small boiler in Maine, with less than 10 million BTUs per hour heat input, would have a much easier time obtaining an air permit than a boiler with a 250 million BTUs per hour heat input. In fact, Wallace added, a boiler with less than three million BTUs per hour of heat input may not need an air emission permit at all.

The coordinator, Wallace said, also should be very familiar with the Federal Water Quality Act. "Industries which most people would think have very little to do with water quality, such as a saw mill, actually can be very involved."

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deBARA - DENNIS ENGAGEMENT

Sandra Kendall deBara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kendall of Bethel, and Scott Alan Dennis, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Jack Dennis of Newry, are announcing their engagement.

Both Ms. deBara and Mr. Dennis are graduates of Telstar Regional High School. Ms. deBara is attending the University of Southern Maine. Mr. Dennis is a junior, majoring in Geological Oceanography, at Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Fla.

A July 5 wedding is planned.

PULP, PAPER SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE AT U. OF M. The University of Maine Pulp and Paper Foundation will offer scholarships for all on-campus expenses to 40 academically gifted high school students for a three week introduction to an engineering course offered at the University of Maine at Orono from July 14 to Aug. 1. The course is taught by senior chemical and mechanical engineering faculty and students are selected on the basis of their own letter of application, recommendations from the faculty at their high schools and their academic record.

ed hogged fuel storage facility which occasionally gets wet, water drains through and become a leachate," he said. "Leachate becomes a point or non-point source of water pollution. Consequently, by piling fuel wood in a neat pile for handling ease, you may create a source of pollution that will either drain to the surface water or groundwater. In order to legally discharge this contaminated water, you must have a permit. And it is very likely that in order to obtain this permit, you will have to treat the leachate."

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